

King Lear by William Shakespeare

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Fight Choreography Notes

War & Battles

Ethan (E), Jonathan (J), Scott (S), Nick (N), Matthew (M), Ben (B)

Jonathan & Nick

J runs on E#5, to grass DS (N emerges E#.5)

J sees N SR, throws spear

N swing sword, J blocks with shield

J hits mace to N shield

N sword thrust to J mace, blocked

Hit shields

J mace to N shield

N hits J shield with handle of sword

J stumbles back

N swing overhead to J shield

J mace to N shield 3x *

N kicks J shield, J falls backwards

N swings overhead, J blocks with shield & stands up

J mace to N shield

N thrust at J, J uses shield to deflect (inwards)

N full spin to **hit shields**

Run off E#.5

Scott & Ethan

*S E#3, E E#4

E thrust spear forward, S block with shield (full spin)

S swing at E, E blocks with shield

E bring spear in between, S block with shield

S overhead cut, E blocks over head (tuck spear behind shield, Rleg back)

E spear down (butt end), S blocks to ground with shield

S bumps E in shoulder with shield

S overhead cut, E blocks over head (tuck spear behind shield)

E jab spear to S L ankle, S blocks with sword to ground

S spin, **hit shields**

E stumbles USL

S overhead split cut

E hit S shield with butt end of spear

S stumble back ("bloody nose")

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Scott & Ethan con't

E pull spear out of ground, 2 fake jabs (rotate 180deg)
(traveling up the stairs)

**S charge: side cut US, DS
 shoulder cut US, DS
 (E blocks with shield)

S thrust to E Lside, E deflects with shield (body opens up)

S kicks E in groin (R ft)

E stumbles back

Hit shields to open up to audience

S stabs E (Lside)

E falls off back of platform

Matt & Ben (&Jonathan):

**E#2 (M back to audience, Ben follows facing DS)

B cut SR shoulder, SL shoulder, SR leg, SL leg
 M blocks shoulder with shield & leg with sword (repeat sequence twice)
 (walking DS during sequence)

M swings shield US

 B steps L ft back to block with shield

B complete spin US

 M duck

Cross swords (above M head)

M swing sword to B DS leg

 B step L ft back to block with shield

B thrust at M shield

 M perry with sword, bring shield to chest prep

B kick M shield w/ L foot

 (B land with L ft forward)

M jump back and fall onto back

J screams & runs onstage E#2

B drops sword, throws axe across stage @ J

 J deflects with shield

J cut (DS) B head

 B block with shield

B cut (US) J side

 J block with shield (step L foot back)

J thrust at B US side (L ft step forward, twist body US)

 B perry with shield (twist body)

B kick J DS side

 J falls US

 (M back up by now)

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Matt & Ben (&Jonathan) cont'd:

M run up, thrust DS of Ben

B perry DS with shield

B swing up at M shield (US of bodies)

(J is up: runs to retrieve spear)

M thrust into B US side, hold a beat, pull out

B spin counter clockwise

(J exits E#2)

B stumble up stairs

M follows

M thrust SL, SR, SL

B blocks with shield (let the blade slide off each side)

(after third perry spin towards SR to face back)

M thrust into B SR side

M walks B offstage (still attached to blade) E#4